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LOCAL NEWS.

—See H. C. Miller's new ad this week.

—The heavy rains have much interfered with farm work for the past few days.

—School will open here on Monday, June 7, instead of Tuesday, as heretofore stated.

—Carpenters are at work completing a number more rooms in the new dormitory at the Training School.

—W. R. Gragg, with his wife and babe, returned Monday after a week's visit to his parents at Foscoe.

—Good duck and chambray work shirts at the Racket at 38 cts. each. Plenty of pretty ties from 10 to 40 cts. each.

—Mrs. J. M. Moretz, with her four children, is spending the week with her father, Rev. J. H. Farthing, on Beaver Dams.

—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mast, of Amantha, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cottrell, parents of Mrs. Mast Friday and Sturdy.

—Cicero Blankenship, of Boone R. F. D., has accepted a position as policeman at the Cranberry Iron works. He and family left for that place Sunday.

—George P. Hagaman has added much to the appearance of the interior of the banking room by retouching with liquid veneer the pretty furniture therein.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Trivett, of Sweet Water, have been at the Blackburn House since Friday. Some time ago Mr. Trivett hurt one of his eyes most seriously, and is here to have it treated.

—Solicitor Spainhour and two children, of Morganton, arrived at the home of E. S. Coffey Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Spainhour brought with him several head of horse stock for which he has engaged pasturage in Watauga.

—A post office inspector gave the Boone office a call Monday, and we take it for granted that he found everything in shipshape as the last one who inspected it pronounced it one of the best kept offices in his division.

—Mrs. Olive Tracy Vaughn, who has been in declining health for several months, is gradually and peacefully growing weaker. Unless there is a change for the better, she will not last many more weeks.—Lenoir News

—Davenport College will today close another successful term; in fact, we are told that it has been the most successful one yet under the present management. Miss Alma, daughter of Mr. W. W. Holsclaw, of Vilas, is a member of the graduating class.

—Thos. J. Sullivan returned to town Tuesday after completing a job of painting for James Blair, Esq., on Brushy Fork. As soon as the weather will permit he will begin work on some of the buildings at the A. T. S. He will be assisted on the job by C. G. Horton and others.

—Our people are very anxious just now for the publication of some railroad news for Watauga. So are we, but anything that might be said now would be the merest speculation. Bide your time in peace, good people. If we even get a proposition you will see it in these columns, and then there will be an abundance of time to discuss it.

Advertise in the Democrat

—If you wish to enjoy your breakfast, try some of Leysing's Special Blend coffee at the Racket.

—Just as we close our forms we learn that Ransom Coffey, an aged citizen of Blue Ridge, was found dead in Elk township this (Wednesday) morning. We have no further particulars of the ghastly find, save that the coroner has been notified.

—Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lunday, of Sutherland, visited at the home of B. T. Brannock last week. While here they visited the county home, and we discussed "Uncle" Isaac of applying for admission, but he smilingly denied it, and the beautiful team he was driving, bore him out in his assertion. The good people went to see some of the unfortunate inmates they had formerly known.

—Mrs. Nancy E. Amos, wife of Mr. J. E. Amos, of North Wilkesboro, Route 2, died at her home, Saturday night, of measles. Mrs. Amos was 68 years old. For 8 years she had been paralyzed in one side and was in very feeble health prior to her last illness. She was a good woman, and, though much afflicted, her presence will be greatly missed.—Wilkes Patriot. (Mrs. Amos is well remembered in Watauga, as she and her husband lived here for a number of years, and the news of her death will be received with genuine sorrow by her many former friends here, all of whom extend to the aged husband their deepest sympathy in this dark hour.

—On Friday last the fourteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Coffey, of Meat Camp, happened to a very serious accident. He was out hunting, as we understand it, with a shot gun, and was standing on a shelving rock, the breech of the gun resting thereon, his hand grasping the barrel near the muzzle. In some way the gun slipped and fell, the hammer striking the rock. The gun was discharged and the entire load of shot, wads and all, were driven into the rear part of his hip, tearing through the flesh several inches some distance below the skin. A physician was summoned, a four-inch incision was made, the shot, etc. removed, and we learn that the patient is doing as well as could be expected under such trying conditions.

Taft Compared With Vance.
Gooensboro Record.

President Taft may not be an orator, but the speech he made at Charlotte pleased everybody except his particular friends, the "referees." The press not only praises it, but everyone who heard it. It is strange but in reading it one gets it into his head that Mr. Taft is somewhat like Vance, and strange to say those who heard him say the same thing. He is open and frank like Vance; sees and appreciates local conditions like Vance and still like him, what he says is plain and hits the nail on the head. In appearance he is not unlike the late Senator and his nature appears to be like him. But aside from all this his Charlotte speech was a great one; so was the one delivered at Petersburg Wednesday. He impresses one with the idea that he is not after applause, but seeks to do the right, regardless of what happens. He is a Republican, but a man first; in other words politics is not his God by a long shot. Of course his reference to the appointment of Democrats to office war hailed with delight by partisans of that creed but with Mr. Taft, his acts are only a means to an end. Back of it is the fact that he wants the best man to hold the offices and while he was a bit slow in moving he has been "going some" since he got off, as the man said about the race horse.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware of cheap imitations.
Signature of J. C. Watson

OBITUARY.

Sister Mary L. Holler, wife of L. H. Holler and daughter of Rev. I. J. McGinnis and Catherine McGinnis, was born May 9, 1872, and died March 29 1909 aged 36 years, 10 months and 20 days.

At a very young and tender age, of a little more than eleven years, she professed faith in the Master, who says, "Child, give me thine heart," and joined the church on second Saturday in December, 1883, and for more than 25 years, until her death, she honored that profession with a Christian life that had no spot or blemish thereon.

For a number of years she had been a great sufferer, but, in imitation of her master, she bore it patiently and seemed willing to wait the Lord's time, and for some time before her death she seemed to understand that the approaching end was near at hand, and superintended the preparation for her burial, and talked with her friends about it as if it had been an ordinary business matter. She expressed her willingness to go when the Lord called for her. And now, that she is gone, no doubt none feel and realize the loss so much as the husband and motherless children. But there is another family of which she was a member, the church, that feels the loss of one of her dear ones. But all of our loss is not to be compared with her eternal gain, for we are persuaded that even death itself is not able to separate us from the great love and care of Him who redeemed us; therefore we should cheerfully submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well. And may this dispensation of Providence, although painful, be the means of leading the dear ones left behind to the blessed Savior while young, that they may be prepared to meet mother and sister in that blessed home beyond.

Oh, heaven is nearer than mortals think,
When they look with trembling dread,
At the misty future that stretches on
From the silent home of the dead.
We pass from the clasp of mourning friends,
To the arms of the loved and lost,
And those smiling faces will greet us there,
Which on earth we have valued most.
I know when the silver cord is loosed,
When the veil is rent away,
Not long and dark shall the passage be
To the realms of endless day.
L. M. Trivett,
J. H. Trivett, Com.

The ground hog is the only weather prophet worth a cuss. The Weather Bureau up to Washington promised a good day when Taft took the oath. That wuz a snow storm, a blizzard, and the worst weather since Noah's day. The News and Disturber down to Holly hez bin a tellin' everybody "don't take 'em off ontill Twentieth of May and then the weather will be warm." We tuk 'em off early May 20th, and started for Charlott to greet Mr. Taft and got triz afore the train got to Hamlet. Hereafter we pin our faith to no weather prophet but the ground hog.—Rhamkatte Roaster.

"The way to tell that you are getting old is when you get tired of the circus parade before it is half over, says the Ohio State Journal. Probably so, but we never heard of anybody doing that.

NOTICE.

State of North Carolina, Watauga County, Office of Entry Taker of said County.
John K. Brown and Jas. C. Brown locate and enter 25 acres of land in Beech Mountain township on the waters of Elk river. Beginning on a cherry stump, the beginning corner of the William Hardin entry known as the New Place, and runs south with the Hardin line to a stake in the G. W. Dogger entry, thence various courses for completion. Entered May 20, 1909.
H. J. Hardin, Entry Taker.

Mr. Alexander McRae of Lincolnton has been to Red Springs to bring his daughter who was a student there, home, Miss McRae is convalescing from an attack of fever.

A Mrs. Irish in Wisconsin, recently gave birth to five children, three daughters and two sons, which are all reported to be doing well. But of course we don't believe it.

LOOK, READ! ACT!

For the next 60 days, beginning Saturday May the 8th I will sell my entire stock of mens, youths and children SUITS AT COST.

I will also put in this cost sale a lot of shoes. Men's Ladies and children's Slippers, Ladies hats, mens and boys straw hats. A lot of dry goods and Notions will go in this sale.

Don't fail to investigate this proposition for I have over 100 suits besides odd pants for you to select from. First come first served. This is no catch scheme but strictly a BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

This Sale will be strictly for cash in hand. No goods charged. Remember the date, Saturday May the 8th, and continuing for 60 days

Yours for Business,

W. F. SHERWOOD,

Amantha, N. C. May 6th 1909.

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I. S. RAMBO, Cashier,

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J. K. WALSH, Asst. Cashier.

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IS THE PANIC OVER?

It makes no difference whether the panic is over or not, you evidently want to save every dollar you can. We have just unloaded

A Solid Car Load of Grass Seed.

This seed was bought on the December market and this fact alone positively puts us in position to save you money. We firmly believe that you can buy your seeds now from 10 per cent. to 20 per cent. less than you can buy them late in the season as the market invariably advances as the season comes on.

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The best results are invariably obtained with the use of Virginia-Carolina Fertilizer. Over one million tons were sold last year.

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Baltimore, Md.
Columbus, Ga.
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Shreveport, La.

The big stone of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem, N. C., now under construction, will be five stories high. It is expected it will be completed by fall, when thousands of hands will begin employment.

PLYMOUTH ROCK EGGS.

I will sell pure-bred Barred Plymouth Rock Eggs at \$1.00 per 13 during the season.

MRS. J. R. PHILLIPS,
Ugar Grove, N. C.

Read and Save.

I have just received one of the most up to date lines of men's dress shirts, ties, collars, hosiery, gauze underwear for both ladies and gents in town. Boy's suits, overalls, Hankerchiefs, side combs, suspenders, children's hosiery and boy's waist. I will sell you six spools of Clark's O. N. T. thread for 25 cts. Plenty of other bargains just as cheap. Hope to greet your smiling face in short time and have the pleasure showing you my bargains I have decided to not handle any produce this summer and sell you goods cheaper for cash. Wishing you all a prosperous year.

Yours Very Truly,
THE RACKET.

R. M. Green, Prop.

Attention, Buyers!

If you are in need of clothing you will find it to your interest to call on me and examine my stock of pawn-brokers goods, I have them in all styles and sizes, almost as good as new for better than a good deal of the new clothing, and the price is a great deal lower, so low that even the poorest people can wear good clothes. I also have new clothing for children boys and men at about 25 per cent less than you can buy elsewhere.

If it is shoes you need just give me a call. I handle the famous Geo. DeWitt shoes, no better made at the price, my shoes are new and up to date my store is fast filling up with bargains in department, I have no leaders to bait you, but all business done on business principles.

I sell for pay. I don't like to wait. Time and tide wait for no one, why should I when in Boone be sure to give me a call. Its a pleasure to show you my goods.

Yours for trade,
D Jones Cottrell

Coming to Town?

If so you are most cordially invited to visit my store, get my prices, and then decide for yourself whether or not I am prepared to give you as good or better bargains than you can get elsewhere. Remember the almighty dollar has a great purchasing power when expended at my store.

A good line of groceries, sugar, coffees, rice, lard, flour, etc., always on hand. Dry goods, notions, toilet articles, candies and nuts.

A big lot of school supplies, pens, pencils, tablets, inks, in fact anything you want in this line. Come and see me.

Chickens, eggs, butter and other good produce always taken at the highest market prices. Come.

Very Respectfully,
L. L. CRITCHFIELD

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